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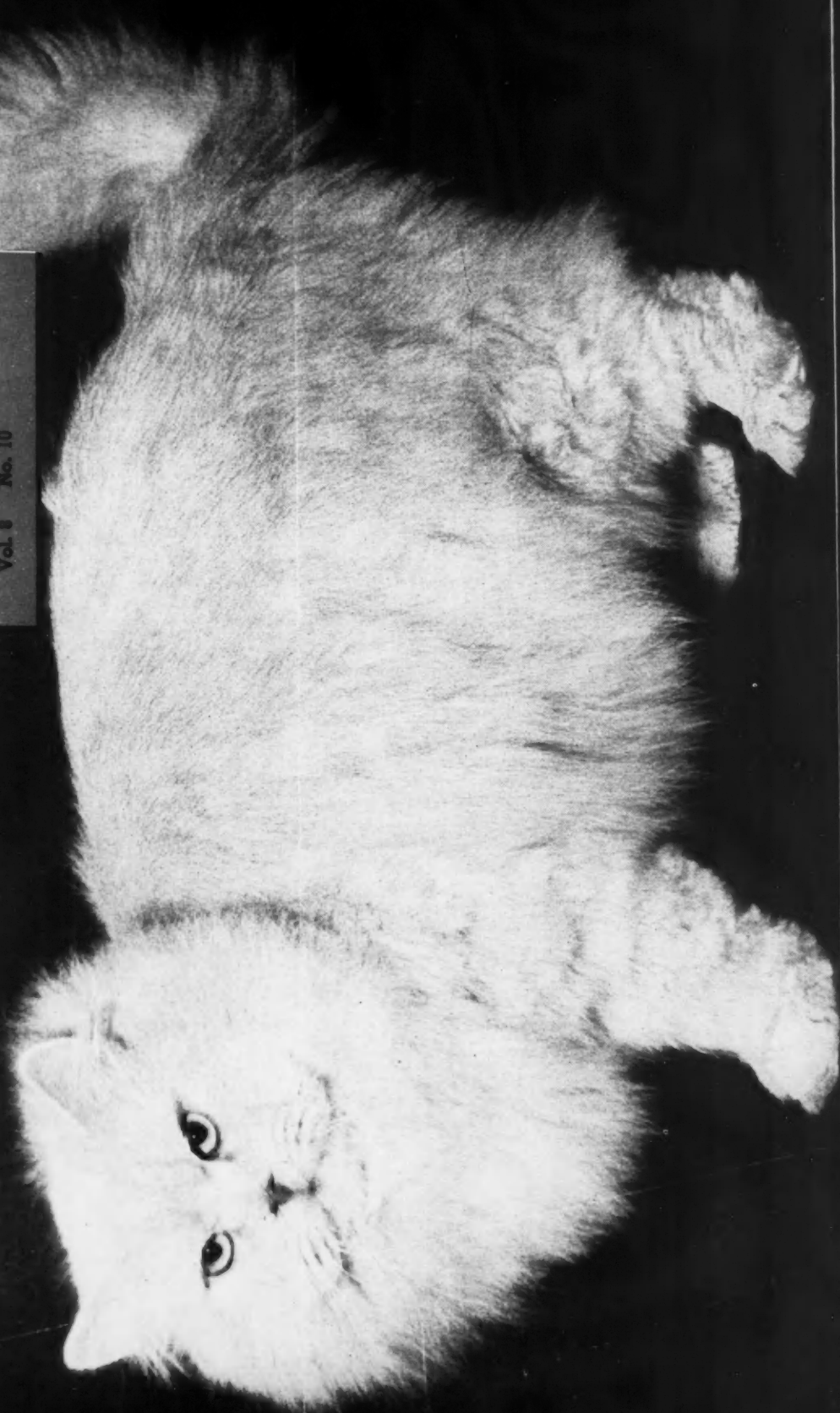
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Dear Editors:

People who don't like cats certainly have never made their acquaintance in the proper way. Cats are as individual as people and their dispositions will vary according to their environment. We have three cats. One is very aloof and dignified, but not at all cross. Another, a beautiful full-grown all-black cat, except for one white whisker, is quite a lap cat while the five-months old kitten is full of mischief and loves to retrieve milk bottle caps that we throw to her.

In my experience I have known but one person who really hated cats, but this person really did hate them, giving for her reason their destruction of birds and at the same time, sponsoring the gray squirrels running everywhere. It is well known that gray squirrels rob a bird's nest of all its eggs, thereby killing not one bird but several birds at once.

When we moved into her neighborhood, we gave away our cat at her request and like the rest of the neighbors did not have another cat for fifteen years.

Then, when a new family brought a cat, the way had been opened and soon our children brought home a wee kitten and we kept him near our unfriendly neighbor for six years, when we moved to our country home taking with us two more cats which the children had befriended.

May our cats remain safe in our Democracy.

Sincerely yours,
Alice R. McArdell

Box 142
Salem, N. Y.



OF GREAT DANES
AND
LITTLE KITTENS

Dear Editors:

Have just read three of your Magazines—Feb. '53, Jan. '53, and Dec. '52. The Cats In Ballet was lovely—I adore the ballet and found the article entertaining. These magazines were loaned to me by Mrs. Kanoffe of the Sherwood Cattery. This sweet and well-informed lady is going to sell us our Siamese Cattery foundation stock. Years ago we owned a Siamese S. P. male and his personality and wit have never been forgotten. We recently decided to have a small breed of dog along with our great Danes, but we're completely in love with Danes and feel we don't really "need" another breed of dog.

Then the brilliant idea of Siamese breeding struck. My Aunt had visited Mrs. Kanoffe in search of a pet. Once I'd seen the kittens and heard all the adult Siamese "gossips" I was sunk. Just yesterday, the family went to the Kanoffe's and talked over our purchases. Mrs. Kanoffe spent several hours with



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COVER

Making his third July appearance on our cover is Grand and Triple Champion Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, very pale Cream male, proudly owned by Marie Wilson, Blue Gables Cattery, 8072 Meyers Road, Detroit 28, Mich. Champaign is 1953 All-Midwestern, and during the past show season was Best Cat in Show twice, Second Best Cat six times, and Best O.S. Cat and Best O.S. Champion once. He was Best Champion and Best of Color fifteen times!

With these wins, Champaign started and completed his ACA Grand Championship and has come within one CFF point of his Double Grand Championship. He also has a good start on the CFA points which would make him the first Triple Grand Champion.

us and we all parted in fine temper and with definite plans for our Siamese future.

We're taking a B. P. girl now (she is a daughter of a Dbl. Ch.) and we hope to have children from her this time next year.

Our Danes love cats and will probably fight over who gets to sleep with the kitten. We had a mama tiger cat wander in, and my Abby (a 150 lb. black Dane lady), washed and cuddled her kittens and fought the other dogs if they so much as looked in the box. In fact we finally had to put the kittens in the kennel.

We've always been regarded as oddities—our animals are crazy about us and we love them in return. When we walk down the road or garden, the house dogs, cats and 3 chickens trail behind in an ill-assorted safari.

We're looking forward to meeting Siamese breeders and to making the shows. Your Magazine will go a long way toward our feline education. Oh, yes, our cats will be a labor of love and not a pursuit of the dollar. We want a cattery name and plan to follow all the good advice we are given. Anything established breeders can help us with will be more than appreciated.

With every best wish for a sensational CATS year, I am,

Yours very truly,
Miss D. Santas

Bell-Nevis Kennels Madison, Conn.

STEINLEN

By Lillian Moore

Probably no artist has ever succeeded more completely than Steinlen in capturing the beauty and mystery, the supple strength, the amazing agility and elusive personality of the cat. A contemporary of Toulouse-Lautrec, and, like him, an habitue of the celebrated Montmartre cafe, Le Chat Noir, Steinlen has sometimes been compared to Lautrec in his ability to create memorable effects with a few lines and colors, in his striking posters. Others have found his poignant sketches of the ordinary working-class people of Paris reminiscent, in their strange combination of tenderness and sarcasm, of those of Honore Daumier.

In his marvelous pictures of cats, however, Steinlen is unique and incomparable, and most critics agree that in the depiction of his favorite animal, in swift motion or perfect relaxation, he has remained unsurpassed.

Theophile Alexandre Steinlen was a young man of 22 when, armed only with a portfolio of sketches, he arrived in Paris. Born in Lausanne, Switzerland, of a family of artists—his grandfather and his uncle were both painters—he had already worked for a couple of years in Mulhouse, Alsace, before going to Paris in 1881. For several years he was forced to earn his living designing materials for a textile manufacturer, while at night he sketched his beloved cats and enjoyed the carefree, unspoiled, Bohemian life of Montmartre, where he made his home. Even in those days he had begun to draw wonderfully alive, sensitive pictures of cats.

In 1885 a friend, the painter Willette, introduced him to Rudolph Salis, an artist who had turned his studio into the famous and fabulously successful Black Cat Cabaret. Almost immediately, Salis perceived Steinlen's special genius and commissioned him to execute a huge mural painting, a sort of apotheosis of cats, containing literally hundreds of feline figures in every imaginable attitude, for the entrance room of the Chat Noir. This was a turning point in Steinlen's career. Shortly after, he designed a poster for the same cabaret, vividly depicting a black cat climbing the hill of



Montmartre, followed by a whole band of cats. His name and art became famous. Soon he was contributing regularly to the popular illustrated magazines of the time: "Gil Blas", "Le Mirliton", and "Le Rire". The cat became his personal symbol, and when he held an exhibition of his work, the posters which announced it (now much sought by collectors) contained two handsome cat figures.

The best known of Steinlen's early sketches are those which he published in "Le Chat Noir", a magazine published by Rudolph Salis and named after his cabaret. Steinlen, to amuse Salis' little daughter Sarah, had conceived the idea of drawing a series of small pictures which would tell a story without words, rather in the manner of an animated cartoon. Most of these clever picture-stories were, of course, concerned with the adventures of cats, and their humor and originality attracted wide attention when they appeared in "Le Chat Noir". Later they were collected in book form, and the rare folio volume, *Dessins sans Paroles: Des Chats* is still one of the



The poster on the left was made for one of Steinlen's London Exhibitions . . . the one above was to advertise a milk company.

most sought-after items for collectors of cat books. Carl Van Vechten, who has called Steinlen "the only painter, past or present, who has been successful in drawing cats in action", reproduced "The Cat and the Ball of Thread", one of the very best sequences in this Steinlen book, in his classic, "The Tiger in the House", which also includes among its illustrations the cover design for the same book. This shows a child carrying a bowl of milk, while six cats fawn upon her in various attitudes of ecstatic anticipation.

It was probably because of his deep love for cats, which amounted almost to an obsession, that Steinlen succeeded in capturing their elusive spirit so well. His friends called his house on the hill of Montmartre "the Cats' Cottage". Although he always had several cats of his own, he seemed to feel personally responsible for the welfare of all the stray cats of Montmartre, and he devised all sorts of methods to gain their confidence. He used to place small bowls of milk, meat and fish on the window-sill of his living room. Farther inside the room, there would be larger helpings of the same delicacies. Strays, lured to the window by the tempting smell, would soon discover the real feast waiting inside. Steinlen would sit motionless in a corner, watching his little guests, but never disturbing them by attempting to handle them or approach them in any way. He would not even make sketches while they were in the room, but would memorize every graceful line and gesture, and after they had eaten their fill and departed, he would make rapid sketches which were later perfected in his beautiful pen and ink drawings, pastels, and oils.

Eventually Steinlen's wife became a little tired of having her neat living-room constantly overrun with visiting cats, although she too was fond of animals and understood her husband's great love for them. A compromise was

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Both posters above and the drawings on page 23 are reproduced through the courtesy of the New York Public Library.

This drawing of two sleeping Siamese cats was made in 1890 long before that breed had begun its rise in popularity and only shortly after they were introduced into Europe.

A NEW VICTORY FOR CATS, BUT—

**A Report by Guy Bogart
President of the Federated Group**

If you wish any more suggestions on how to trap your neighbor's cat and how to kill it, I'm sure Miss Charny will be glad to furnish any of the gruesome details.

This report of the defeat of the bills of the Florida of the Birds in California and Illinois is given in response to numerous inquiries assuming that after her fourth Illinois and third California defeat, Miss Charny will withdraw. Nothing could be further from the fact. From Sacramento I hear reports of continued plans of the group. So a report on the work of the Federated Group, Inc. (San Francisco, Mrs. Alice M. Clark, Secretary-treasurer) is given. This group, with the OUR CATS group of radio KFOX in Long Beach spearheaded a determined work without which the bill might well have gained more headway through indifference of legislators.

Right here let me say as in the past, Miss Charny is in her full rights and we can have nothing personal concerning her. We owe her one debt in doing a fine work to rally cat lovers into united action. We thank the readers of CATS Magazine, the KFOX family and others for the best united front in years. We conducted no newspaper campaign this year—concentrated on fast friends in the California Legislature, who saw that the bill was killed in committee. Assemblyman Stewart Hinckley, chairman of the Fish and Game Committee to which the Charny bill was referred, wrote to me, "The Charny cat bill introduced by Mr. Lindsay is an unnecessary piece of legislation. I intend to do what I can to see that it is defeated." State Senator Nelson S. Dilworth and Assemblyman L. M. Backstrand of my own Riverside county were splendid in their work to defeat the measure, as well as a number of other key legislators. In Southern California we had a large number of active workers including Ken Bartlett of the Short Hair Society of So. California, Howard and Blanche Warren of the Casa Gatos Cattery, Vivien Robinette, Hal Nichols, Lynn Hamilton, Gertrude Whitney; while Mrs. Alice M. Clark marshalled the northern group and personally appeared before the F. & G. committee hearings.

While Chairman Hinckley was temporarily in the hospital, his committee passed to the Assembly floor one section to which cat lovers had no objection. Indeed it was a surprise to Mrs. Clark and myself that California did not, like New York and some other states already have such a law. This section read:

"(a) No person shall abandon or dump any cat

"(b) Any person violating this section shall be subject to a penalty of from one dollar (\$1) to fifty dollars (\$50)."

But the California Assembly was so dis-

The Nature of the Enemy

The following is a verbatim excerpt from a letter written by the President of the Friends of the Birds to one of the members of that Organization. It shows more clearly than anything we have yet seen the methods and motivations of that body.

About the trap. The best I know of is the rigid style from the National Live Trap Co., Tomahawk, Wis. Their cat trap is made of wire, easy to carry and to operate, and to wash. It will last practically forever. It is light in weight. When you get a cat that weighs 25 or 30 pounds, the weight of the trap means something . . . The wire trap you need to cover to keep the cat from meowing when it gets in. But the wooden tray you don't need to cover . . . The best bait is fresh catnip. Put some in a sheer little bag, like a piece of stocking. You can tie the ends with string. Nothing but a cat will go to catnip. After every cat in the trap you must wash the tray thoroughly, so there will be no odor of the cat to scare other cats. **The trap doesn't hurt the cat at all. So you will have the problem of disposal.** The Govt. in its leaflet gives some instructions. **The easiest way is drowning. Some use a rain barrel.**

Some use the bathtub. You can't use a river or a lake. Some have a private pond on their land. Some take the cat to a veterinarian, but that costs. Some take it to a humane society. If it is plainly a wild creature you will have no questions. But if it is a border line case, they may question you . . . **This is an urgent caution. Put the trap where it won't be noticed. One of the best results is to scare a cat owner from knowing where the cat went to and then they aren't apt to let other cats loose so much.** Also you don't want arguments or unpleasant talk. Also the trap might be stolen or broken, or the cat let out. With some thought you can in most cases find a place to place the trap where it won't be seen. Maybe you will have to leave it out only at night, taking it in early in the morning. **You will have the most amazing results.**

—GERTRUDE CHARNY

gusted with the Charny attempts of the past few years that even this was defeated on the floor.

While contributions were better than previously, they did not meet the simple costs, and the deficit was made up by Mrs. Clark and myself. We did not mind—only mention this fact to stimulate more response in the future. The Federated Group distributed a little pamphlet edited by myself, "The Friendly Cat," which had a good reception.

Governor William G. Stratton of Illinois stated: "Senate Bill No. 67 which seeks to regulate the running at large of cats in public parks or wooded areas was referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Parks on February 4, 1953, where it was shelved for the session."

That is perhaps sufficient on the 1953 Battle of the Birds. From Sacramento comes this information, sent in mimeograph by Miss Charny: "This is a determined cry to carry on. *Cat lovers were real mean.*" In California, she "did a large amount of lobbying," but "*shameful trickery and treachery stymied the Bill.*"

Miss Charny stands alone as the friend of birds, now that the Audubon Society has joined hands with the cats. She says, "The last straw was that the Audubon Society fought the Bill. Considering that the Audubon tried for years to pass a Cat Bill and failed, you would think that they would have wanted to help . . . Now many cat lovers contribute to the Audubon Society, which in turn has become a cat lover." Truly FOB was in hard lines: "The Affiliated State Humane Societies opposed the bill. They know little about birds and are influenced by their numerous cat lover members." The upshot is that Miss Charny is calling for funds to carry on her propaganda—

such as releases at one time to "1000 selected publications."

So we are being forewarned that the Friends of the Birds plan to continue the long campaign. This organization (to all main purposes one person) are not open to change. The unsupported charges—not one with a single scientific proof—are, however, believed by thousands. These folks can be convinced—but not by a sputtering, indignant cat lover merely saying "tain't true." The scientific proof is easy to acquire and an informed group of cat lovers, patiently setting forth the established evidence, can show the falsity of the Charny claims. So it is up to cat lovers to orient themselves to answer these charges. Two classics are the Stevenson Illinois Veto and the LIFE editorial of 1949. And in refutation of the basic charges, the state governments of California, Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin, Oregon and Oklahoma have made surveys of the food of cats (especially feral cats), with the general conclusion that "Because they take such great number of rodents, house cats can be considered of real benefit to farmers." The Audubon Society has not supported the Friends of the Birds because their surveys evidently also have shown the Charny claims without foundation as shown in their listing of the nine major enemies of birds: 1) disease, 2) automobiles, 3) weasels, 4) humans, 5) parasites, 6) hawks, 7) starvation, 8) cats, 9) dogs. Frances and Richard Lockridge in "Cats and People" have a convincing chapter on the subject and many other authors have illuminating details.

If cat lovers know their facts on this silly controversy about cats and birds, they could go far to stop their neighbors from accepting the myth of cats destroying bird life.

A WORD FOR THE NOVICE

The day my first "can you help me?" letter arrived was a momentous event. It meant that experience was finally paying off, and in the nicest way imaginable, by an expression of confidence. There can be no greater tribute to a breeder than to seek her advice and if in the process of ministering to the requirements of young hopefuls one assumes a demeanor just a little bit indulgent, surely one can be forgiven.

So many novices have crossed my path, and the contacts, to say the least, have been rewarding. We hope mutually so. Though a cautious, say-nothing attitude may spare a breeder's opinions from critical dissection it does nothing for the novice who is anxious to learn. It is well that the majority of breeders, in the interests of progress, are willing to accept this as a calculated risk.

In my opinion, novices fall into two categories. There are those who, perhaps inspired by an over abundance of energy or ambition, enter the Fancy expecting to omit this important stage of development and start right in at the top. Ambition is praiseworthy in any accepted field but a perch on the top rung of the ladder can be precarious indeed if the other rungs are not securely in place.

On the other hand, there are those who plod along year after year, holding what they have captured, gathering a little more, accepting the disappointments with the triumphs until they emerge as forces to be reckoned with.

It would be wrong to imply that novices can reach a successful height only after years of endeavor, for there are too many instances of speedy success to be considered exceptions, but on the whole one should be prepared to work for his gains.

With most breeders it is a matter of principle to guide the would-be seeker of information into channels deemed suitable for the problem. But it is a sad commentary on human nature that a certain element simply cannot believe that advice to a competitor can be anything but misleading. It has been my unhappy experience to find that genuine, well-intentioned advice or criticism has fallen on deaf ears. In one or two instances the exact opposite course has been pursued with what sad results I can only imagine. This is the reason some breeders are reluctant to impart hard-won information and it cannot be denied they have a point, even though based on a minority. On the other side of the fence it must be regretfully admitted there are records of novices being "taken" by a breeder who should have known better, but stories of this nature get around so fast that no breeder worthy of the name will risk the contempt of her fellow breeders.

The best advice I can offer the novice is not to be too upset if things do not always go according to plan. There are upsets in breeding, upsets in exhibiting, upsets in general management which are apt to overwhelm the inexperienced. Breeders who have gone through it all

accept this as part of the game, since upsets are visited upon old and new alike. The only difference is that the old breeder, through her store of experience, is better able to cope with a given situation. To become discouraged is natural, but if one realizes this year's evil may be next year's blessing, it is easier to bear. The young cat that this year survived an attack of infectious enteritis will be immune next year; the litter which this year did not thrive because of a diet lacking in vital nutrients, assures next year's litter of a better chance; the young cat that this year lost in the shows to one of no better type, guarantees the cat a better opportunity next year through better show preparation. And so on and on. As the squirrel gathers nuts one at a time for his winter needs, the novice must compile, page by page, her volume of experience.

One common misconception among novices is that she hasn't a chance to win in the shows against established breeders. This idea is silly in the extreme and I have the red ribbon to prove it. When showing against a breeder of high reputation it must be remembered one is going not only against a good cat (the big breeder never exhibits a specimen unless she has faith in its possibilities) but against the fairy-fingered grooming acquired only after the most concentrated and lengthy practice. If one feels his bad luck is due to the owner, not the competition, take another look and honestly decide which is the better specimen. One still may not be convinced, in which case a polite word to the judge (and I mean polite, not belligerent) probably will provide the answer. Sometimes the placement of the blue ribbon, when all other points are equal, is determined by "feel".

A short cut to the blue ribbons, but one overlooked in many cases, is to concentrate on a breed or color that is either scarce in the country or scarce in one's locality. There are a number of colors that would benefit by attention and returns to the breeder would be rewarding. Some exhibitors feel it keenly when their exhibits take a third or fourth or nothing at all and a rare color or breed would provide the perfect solution.

The pessimistic point of view, as far as show wins are concerned, should never be entertained. It is not my place to name names but without too much straining of mental processes it would be a simple matter to mention numerous instances where breeders with only a few years experience have gone over the leaders in their favored breed or color. How this all came about is an object lesson but what should concern us now is that it can happen.

With the wealth of cat information available from the many cat books on the market, novices today have more and better opportunities than ever before. My own first years in the fancy saw little in the way of cat books, and those had to be imported. However, we did have

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By
Rita Swenson



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MOONSTRUCK

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*The moon is a mousetrap
Serving the leisure
Of Tom cat and Tabby cat
Hunting for pleasure.
The shadows are havens
In which mouses burrow
If they hope to scurry
About on tomorrow.
Always the conflict
Of darkness and light,
Mousetraps in moonbeams . . .
Cats prowling at night.
Each threading paths
And each scorning fears
Since both have been moonstruck
For millions of years.*

ROSE LOVERS

By Isabel Sarsfield McCarthy

Before the sun warms up the day,
A whiff of fragrance waits my way
Inviting me to stroll the plot
Where roses beautify my lot.
I have my basket and my shears,
But suddenly my cat appears
To tag my heels and purr her song
To let me know that she's along.
With care I press a strong stem back
And open blades for the attack;
But find a paw in angled crotch
Preventing cut or nick or notch.
No coaxing words will change Fluff's pose.
So moving on, I touch a rose
And breathe its loveliness complete
While Puss bats low shoots at my feet.
Down rose-filled aisles, we take our walk
Conversing with both purr and talk;
My home in sight, I sing a ditty
Splint flower basket filled—with kitty.

A CAT'S CONSCIENCE

Anonymous

(Quoted by Agnes Repplier
in "the Cat", 1912)

*A dog will often steal a bone,
But conscience lets him not alone,
And by his tail his guilt is known.
But cats consider theft a game,
And howsoever you may blame,
Refuse the slightest sign of shame.
When food mysteriously goes,
The chances are that pussy knows
More than she leads you to suppose.
And hence there is no need for you
If Puss decline a meal or two
To feel her pulse and make ado.*

Contributed by Oliver Ingersoll

All cats do not have pedigrees; most of them have kittens.

Fiction and fact, from Sam's Almanac, heard on Don McNeil's Breakfast Club of the Air.
Contributed by Antoinette Sexton.

NOT QUITE

By Helen Turner

No other cat could ever be quite like Satan.
Not quite.
The shrill insistent nightly clamor to be fed,
The joyous morning-greeting upon our bed,
The velvet ears, the silky-satin little head,
The rapturous rolling purr with which his love is said,
No other cat can ever match quite right.
Another cat, however dear, must always be
Not quite he.

He's stolen both our hearts, has little Satan—
So dear—

And we would miss his happy talk from morn 'til night;
His questing paws, his running paws; their swift delight;
His tail erect, its tip just curled—so gay a sight—

His plaintive mew when string—entwined—a hapless plight.
And other cats his small perfection come not near.

Another cat, however fine, must always be
Not quite he.

What other cat is loved as we love Satan?
Your own?

His shining fur, kept glossy with a small red tongue;
The way his graceful form and sleek stands out among

The rest; the countless purring songs that he has sung;
Even the tattered curtains where by claws he's hung

Mark him above them all. With us, he stands alone.
For other cats, however grand, must always be
Not quite he.

We shall have other cats if we lose Satan.
Oh, yes.

What would we do without the glow in amber eyes;
The ballerina leaps and twirls; the swift surprise

That starts him half across a room; the sharp replies
To every comment? And the frantic jumps at flies?

But they will never be the same, I must confess:
Another cat, however dear, can only be
Not quite he.



Keeping cats is a mad practice, something like having children, but without that consciousness of public approval, of doing one's duty and of God being responsible, which sustains the courage of parents.

—The RACE OF TOM, Anonymous, from the ATLANTIC MONTHLY, Vol. 130, the Contributor's Column

THE BACKWARD LITTLE SIAMESE

By Gertrude D. Bacon

Its back is humped, its tail is bushed,
It makes a brave foray;
A jungle beast is somewhere near—
He'd best be on his way!
A kitten's stalking him right now!
But this is what you'll see—
For every forward step it takes,
It backs up two or three!

CATS IN DISGUISE

By Zelma H. Meek

*The wavelets at the ocean's edge
Are roughhousing cats
Hissing and clawing
At one another's white lace hats.*

PUSSY'S PETITION

By Irene Varley

"Dear Mumsie!" cried my Kitty-cat,
One scorching summer day,
"Why can't I do as you have done
And pack my furs away?"
"Of course I know in winter time
My coat is not amiss.
But Oh! its unendurable
Is heat waves such as this!"
"Please Mumsie, store my furs with yours,
When next you go to town,
And let me dress as you do now,
In nice, cool, muslin gown."

STONE CAT IN A MUSEUM

By Marjorie Somers Scheuer

*"This Graeco-Egyptian cat was carved from stone
Two centuries before Christ came to earth—"
Was the model a stray or did some princess own
And love it? Did it drowse beside her hearth,
Curl and uncurl the slender paws and purr?
Was it a tiger with broad stripes down the back,
Important whiskers and well-brushed silky fur,
Eyes green or liquid gold, nose pink or black?
Through the long centuries this stone cat has stood
Upon its marble base with poise and grace.
No one will ever guess the neighborhood
From whence the model came or its dwelling-place.
It may have wandered, homeless, on some isle—
Or languished in a palace near the Nile.*

NOW—TO BATHE

By Winifred Porter

Our May article on bathing by Guy Bogart brought quite a few comments from breeders and exhibitors who believe in that practice, including this excellent presentation of their viewpoint by Mrs. Porter.—Ed.

Bathe your cats, but definitely, my chile!

Cleanliness is important. Dry cleaning won't work on a continuous basis. There is body odor and a line of demarcation shows. Perhaps in other climates it may be different, but in ours down South, even outdoor animals shed all year. Brush and comb cannot keep up with it.

My cats are bathed from the time they begin walking, so most of them seem to enjoy it. Yesterday, 37 were shampooed with Labco in two hours twenty minutes. Two cats acted up in a mild way.

My technique is simple, quiet and quick. A 3-gallon bucket of warm water, not hot, and the cat is sat in it. Using a sponge or wash cloth, the cat is thoroughly lathered, then back to the bucket to remove the lather. Next I do the head, face and ears as cat sits in bucket and holds onto the rim. Never hold a cat tightly unless compelled to for a few minutes. Allow them always to feel free to move.

Another technique I use is to place a window screen into a large bucket, slanting the screen from the rim down to the bottom. Place the cat on the screen, and he will fix his nails into the screen. You can then proceed to lather and rinse the cat without any difficulty.

I rub them down with towels and use an electric hair dryer to get them finally dry. Then commence the brushing and combing.

Statistics show that the mortality from hair-ball in cats leads all diseases, with a possible exception of that dreaded enteritis. I shampoo all my cats once a month during our hot months, which keeps them free of odors, fleas and too much loose hair. Frankly, I thoroughly enjoy bathing them — as much fun as scratching them, which is my pet amusement.

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By
Francis
Moore

Mr. Moore's first \$25.00 U.S. Savings Bond was for a spectacular perspective shot of a kitten crouched on his own shoe, and this month's winner, though on a different theme is equally well-planned and executed.

But don't let Mr. Moore's double win discourage you other photographers. It's the pictures themselves, and not the photographer who's judged, and you all have an equal chance. Just a word, though, to our women photographers and to you on the West Coast: so far you've been letting the men and the East walk away with most of the honors this year. For the first seven months all but one prize were won by men and only one West Coast winner came through.

There'll be five more \$25.00 Bond prizes this year, one for each month, and a final \$100.00 Bond for the Picture of the Year, so there's still time for every one to get their pictures taken and to send them off to the Cat Picture of the Month Contest, P. O. Box 403, Boston 2, Mass. But you'd better hurry, those months have a way of speeding by.



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THE CAT IN THE BAG

By Cecily C. Mellor

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CATS IN HAWAII

By Mary Jane Rodriguez

Cats have always been held in high esteem in the Hawaiian Islands. At one time in Hawaii's early history, cats were such a valued possession that they were handed down to heirs in family wills.

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In another case discovered among ancient archives is the instance of a cat being listed among the securities for a chattel mortgage.

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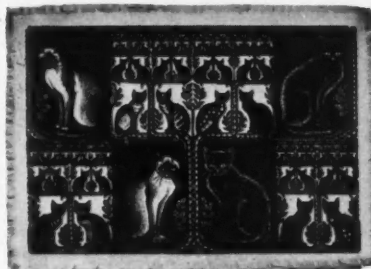
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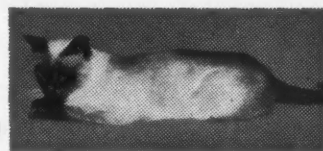
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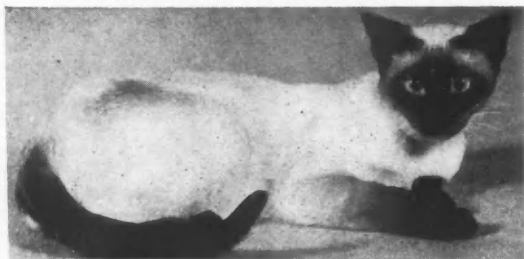
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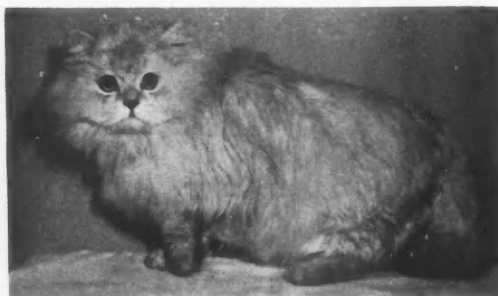


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Highest scoring of all the Midwestern Cats was the Blue Longhair male Ch. Dixi-land's Montpeller Victor owned by Mrs. Walter E. Limpert, and he will represent the section in the National Cat-of-the-Year competition. Top female was Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolfgang's Ch. Cymri Frau Wolfgang, Seal Point female. Top Shorthair male was the Wolfgang Blue Point, Krampert's Blue Kew of Wolfgang, and best Longhair female was Mrs. John Porter's Gr. Ch. Kiva's Kri Kri of Concordia. Ch. McKnight's Tar Baby was high-scoring Domestic Shorthair, and Ch. Rosedere Dolly of Chesterfield was top Manx.

Minnesota leads with twelve places on the team, closely followed by Ohio with eleven; Wisconsin, nine; Missouri, eight; Michigan, seven, and Illinois, six. Ontario placed one winner as did Iowa, Indiana and Kansas.

Ownership of winners was very widely distributed, Dr. and Mrs. James Cutler lead with three cats and one kitten, but they are just ahead of Mrs. R. H. Hecht and Mrs. Archie Stray with three each. Two winners are listed for Mrs. Coreen Petta, Mrs. Maurice Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Wolfgang, Bessie Fischer, Mrs. R. W. Boehlow, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sample, and Ruth and Ellen Carlson.

Tops in the time competition is Ch. Silver Quest Fantasie who has been All-Midwestern for five of the past six years, missing only 1952. Next is Ch. Siesta Barney Google with A-M awards for 1950 and 1951 and A-A for 1951, and Pets Beautiful Precious Brownie, All-Midwestern 1951 and 1952. Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Snow Captain, Gr. Ch. Kiva's Kri Kri of Concordia, Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Lee's Hi-Hat Champaign, Dbl. Ch. Viking Gibson Girl, Tpl. Ch. Rosedere Gipsie, Ch. Diss-ton's Bengal Boy of Harmonie-Acre, Ch. Printz Alle O'Erin, and Vee Roi's Red Prince all are retaining 1952 A-M honors. "Kri-Kri", "Champaign", "Gibson Girl", "Precious Brownie" and "Red Prince" were also 1952 All-American.

Our thanks go to the Midwestern breeders who have given us their support and encouragement in the very considerable amount of time, energy, and expense which we have devoted to making these selections. We believe that the All-Sectionals and All-Americans benefit the entire Cat Fancy, but needless to say, they can continue only with the full-hearted support of the winners.

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- Silver Female—Ch. Lady Diane of Beverly-Serrano, Mrs. Harold Fess, 40 Glenwood Ave., Dayton, Ohio.
- Shaded Silver Male—Ch. Silver Quest Fantasie, Miss Kay Thoma, 510 Huntmore Drive, Bay Village, Ohio.
- Shaded Silver Female—Golden Crescent's Stardust, Mrs. Evelyn Sills, 765 East Buchtel Ave., Akron, Ohio.
- Silver Tabby Male—Tpl. Ch. Mi-Choice's Gorgeous Geige, Mrs. Maurice Shaw, Route 1, Lawrenceville, Ill.
- Silver Tabby Female—Tpl. Ch. Mi-Choice's Doll-O-Mine, Mrs. Maurice Shaw.
- Smoke Male—Ch. Briargate Jose of Lion, Dr. and Mrs. James Cutler, 7145 Nicolet, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Smoke Female—None.
- Red Tabby Male—Eastmoor Bobby Shaftoe, Mrs. V. E. Peterson, 1644 Hickory St., Niles, Mich.
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- Peke Face Red Male—Dbl. Ch. Siesta Barney Google, Mrs. T. C. Trent, 3725 Hubbell Blvd., Des Moines, Iowa.
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- Blue Point Siamese Male—Dbl. Ch. Krampert's Blue Kew of Wolfgang, Mrs. R. G. Wolfgang.
- Blue Point Female—Dbl. Ch. Fa-Ying How Come, Mrs. Georgina LaMarsh, 3543 Walker Road, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
- Chocolate Point Male—Vee Roi's Hershey, Mr. R. H. Hecht.
- Chocolate Point Female—Yum Yum Lion, Dr. and Mrs. James Cutler.

- Abyssinian Male—Ch. Diaston's Bengal Boy of Harmonie-Acre, Mrs. Waldo Schulz, 7201 Glenwood Ave., Minneapolis 16, Minn.
- Abyssinian Female—Selene's Sunbeam of Ammon Ra, Miss Lillian Magner, 3603 So. Clinton, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Burmese Male—Ch. Lion's Adagio of Jadawh, Dr. and Mrs. Cutler.
- Burmese Female—None.
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- Blue Manx Male—Ba-Lo's Pat, Mrs. R. W. Boehlow, 7115 St. Charles Road, St. Louis, Mo.
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- Black Female—Royal Panther Terra, Pat Ryan, 1270 Grand, St. Paul, Minn.
- Red Female—Sundust Leontion, Mrs. Alyce DeFilippo, 9405 Burlington Blvd., Brookfield, Ill.
- Silver Female—Poquette of Lookout Point, Mrs. G. R. Finn, 3950 Lookout Place, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Silver Tabby Female—Artec's Tabitha, Mrs. C. W. Foulk, 275 East Lane Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
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- Red Tabby Female—Samdar's Spice, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sample, 1818 State Ave., Akonta, Minn.
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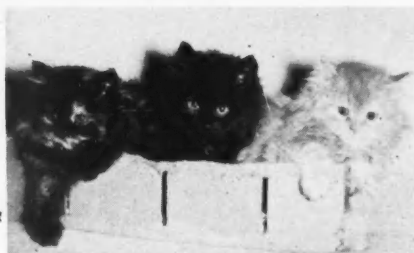
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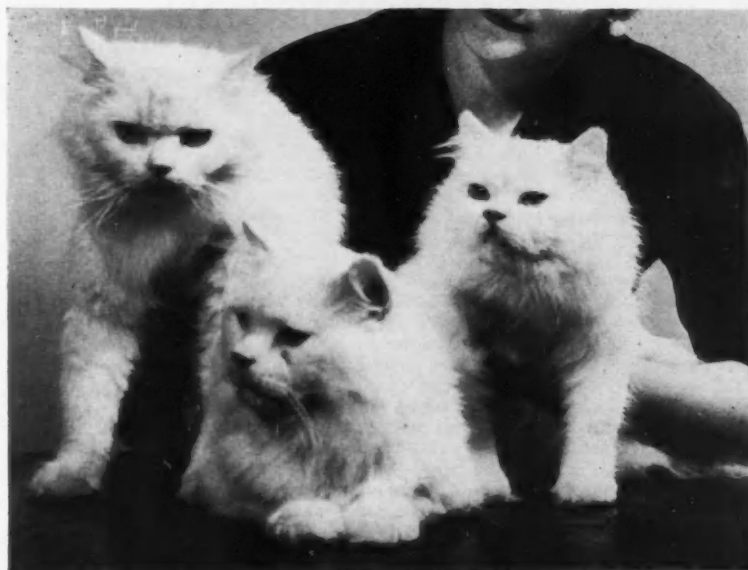
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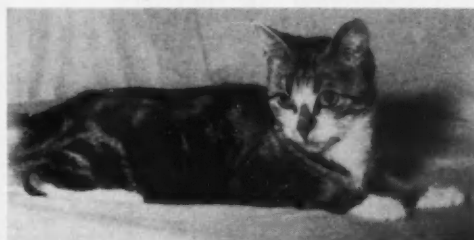
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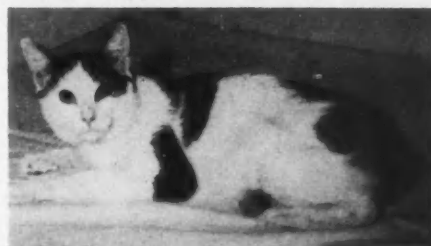
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select two names like Carlisle and Richlieu—political, maybe!!)

In my particular locality there happened a Cat Tail which has had me chuckling ever since it happened. In Rockaway, New Jersey, there is a Beauty Show owner who has a dear little Persian mother who has a litter of cat-babies that are out of this world, (I'm quoting a neighbor who looked them over). The other day this little mother was taking her constitutional walk—and returned to her little family with a wee, small bunny. Depositing it with her babies she departed a second time, returning with another bunny. The cat-children accepted the additions without comment, (again I'm quoting) and the report I had of this unusual family was: they were having breakfast, luncheon and dinner together in perfect harmony.

Norma Horton, down in New Mexico, writes me about her Siamese boy, Pal Joey. Now Joey is three months of age, and, according to Norma there never was, never has been and never will be a

kitten as smart as Joey. Norma has a habit of picking him up and holding him up to her face and loving him (don't we all?). Joey will kiss her chin, then if he is not getting what he considers his full amount of loving, he will nip her, quite smartly too. The other day one of Norma's sisters returned home for a visit. Joey was noticed and stroked, called a pretty kitty and that was all—sister Anne put him down. This Joey objected to in a loud voice. (Have you ever heard the loud voice of a Siamese!!). Norma suggested that he wanted to kiss sister Anne's chin, so Anne picked him up again, mentioning the fact that he was so very, very handsome and holding him up to her face. He refused to have anything to do with her. She rubbed her chin against his nose, and he nipped her good. No apple-polishing for Pal Joey. A neighbor came in a few days later. Joey was ignored for the first few minutes, then a big fuss was made over him—the same thing happened again. At this writing Pal Joey is in the 'doghouse' trying to understand the idiosyncrasy of the human race.

Down in New Haven, Conn., there is a Professor in a very famous college who takes his Siamese boy with him on all shopping expeditions. Even when he makes formal calls Xerxes will go along riding on his master's arm. All the barbers in New Haven know Xerxes and provide a special seat for him when the Professor visits their shops, but there is one place Xerxes is not allowed—and that is the class room.

In Burlington, Vt. there is a very new, so new she is shining, graduate of a very famous southern college. This young lady is quite interested in botany—plant life, anything that grows and has roots in the ground. She was asked what she desired most as a graduation gift. Knowing that her parents had spent a considerable amount of money on her, she hesitantly said nothing. Her father knew that she had always dreamed of a conservatory so he had one built for her at the end of their homestead. When she came home, it was there waiting for her. There was nothing that she wanted more, although a room mate had given her a Blue Point Siamese kitten that was dear and precious. Marcia Laughton, spent long hours in experimental work in her conservatory, always with Pedro, the Blue Point. There came a time when Pedro refused to leave the plant house—he insisted on having his meals served there. Mother protested, Marcia insisted, and Pedro won. Marcia tells me that Pedro is as interested as anyone could possibly be in all her experiments, that she talks to him and asks his advice in all she does and that she could not do anything without him. (These cats—how they do wrap us around their tails!)

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Cats Club & Show Reporter

CFA Executive Meeting

At the regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., in New York on May 23-24, the following actions were taken:

Mr. Roy Easterly was approved to judge "All Shorthairs", *Mr. Charles G. Victor* to judge "All Breed Shows", *Mrs. Isabel Meader's* name was placed on the Approval Pending List to judge "Any Specialty", and *Mrs. Miriam Williams* on the Approval Pending List to judge "Any Shorthairs".

A number of important changes have been made in the Show Rules and Standards for judging which will be available to all Clubs about July 15th. It was suggested that they be studied carefully before entering cats in shows this coming season.

BURMESE are to be classed as an individual breed, same as the Abyssinians—not as solid color cats, since the Burmese standard allows for slight shading on chest and belly.

ODD-EYED WHITES were given championship status in CFA shows.

GRAND CHAMPIONSHIPS can not be completed in the future unless ten of the fifteen points required have been won at All Breed shows.

THE ALL SHORTHAIRED (except Siamese) SOCIETY is the new name of the former Domestic Shorthair and Manx Society and the Club now includes Russian Blues, Burmese, and Abyssinians in addition to DSH and Manx. This is a National Club, and all applications for Specialty Shows sponsoring these Breeds should be sent to Miss Edna Hyer, Secretary, 329 Rich Avenue, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

KITTENS four months or older may be entered for exhibition or sale, but not more than two kittens may be benched in one cage. All CATS wrongly entered as CHAMPIONS will be disqualified.

APPLICATIONS from Clubs for membership in the CFA will not be acted upon at the same meeting at which the application is presented to the Board, but will be tabled for future consideration.

An **EMERGENCY COMMITTEE** of Miss Hydon, Miss Goodwin, and Mrs. Mabie was appointed.

Additional **SHOW DATES** were sanctioned as follows: Twin City Solid Color Cat Club and American Tabby & Tortie Club, Oct. 10-11; Central States Solid Color Club, Nov. 21-22; Eastern Tabby and Tortie Society and Central States Solid Color Club, Nov. 28-29; Solid Color Club of the East and Eastern Tabby and Tortie Society, Dec. 1-2; International Solid Color Society and Short Hair Society, Dec. 5-6; Gulf Short Hair Fanciers, Jan. 9-10; Hawkeye State Cat Club, Jan. 9-10; Mo-Kan Cat Club and West Texas Short Hair Cat Club, Jan. 30-31; Windsor Solid Color Cat Club, Feb. 13-14; Norfolk Cat Fanciers, Inc., Feb. 13-14; North Texas Cat Club, Feb. 13-14; Houston Cat Club, Feb. 27-28;

Redwood Cat Fanciers, Mar. 27-28.

CHANGE of SHOW DATE to Dec. 5-6 was made by Greater St. Louis Cat Club and Central States Solid Color Club; and Kentucky Cat Club **CANCELLED** their scheduled date of Dec. 12-13.

Atlantic Show to be at Hotel Piccadilly

Mrs. H. Earl Nick will be All Breed judge, *Mrs. Lillian Pedulla*, Siamese Specialty judge, and *Mrs. Silas H. Andrews* judge of the Silver Specialty in the Triple Show to be held by the Atlantic Cat Club, Inc., (CFF) January 8 and 9, 1954. Show Manager *Lois Hynes Bode* reports that a splendid show room has been obtained at the Hotel Piccadilly and that the club expects another great show this year.

Other Show Dates

LONG ISLAND CAT BREEDERS CLUB (CFF), November 10-11 at Garden City Casino, Garden City, L.I., N. Y. *Mr. H. B. Zieses* will judge the All-Breed, *Miss Doris Hobbs*, the Shorthair Specialty.

MARIN COUNTY CAT CLUB (ACA), October 31-November 1 at San Rafael, Calif. Judges will be announced later.

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National Manx Cat Club Reports

At the end of its first year, the National Manx Cat Club reports that although their plans for a Manx Specialty Show last season did not materialize, they did award club rosettes to shows held by Penn State Cat Club, Inland Empire Cat Club, North Texas Cat Club, California Cat Club and West Shore Cat Club, Isle of Man Cat Club (on the Isle of Man, Great Britain), Mid-West Feline Fanciers Club, Santa Clara Valley Cat Fanciers, Houston Cat Club, and Magic Valley Cat Club. Constitution and By-Laws have been adopted, and the Club is looking forward to an even more successful season next year. Rosettes for Best Manx are offered to all shows, and membership is open to anyone interested in any breed of Short Hair. Dues are \$2.00 a year. Prospective members are invited to write the Secretary, *Mrs. Rita M. Wilson*, 409 East Harding Way, Stockton, Calif.

The Short Hair Society Plans New Shows

The new officers of **The Short Hair Society** (CFA affiliate) were reported in CATS last month. Our group, which had a most successful show last October in Eureka, Calif., now has owners of Siamese, Abyssinians, Manx, and Domestic Short Hairs actively participating, and is open to membership for anyone interested in any breed of Short Hair. Our members are spread all over California, but we hope to be able to report even more widespread membership next year. An amendment to the By-Laws, allowing participation by mail of all members in under consideration at present.

We hope to sponsor several shows in other cities next season.

Ann C. Manley (Mrs. Leigh), Sec.
The Short Hair Society

American Silver Fanciers Awards

The American Silver Fanciers announces the winners and congratulates the following breeders and exhibitors, for their wins from the Cup and Trophy list of the American Silver Fanciers for the season 1952-53.

Mrs. Naomi Favors, Trophy, Best Silver Kitten, *Favors Twilight Yankee Pasha*, Chinchilla Male Kitten.

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Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Martinian Trophy, Best Shaded Male, donor excepted, *Meadowbrooks Citation*, Shaded Silver Male.

Miss Kay Thoma, Silver Quest Cattery, Best Shaded Silver Male, Ch. Silver Quest Fantasy, Shaded Silver Male.

All wins were 2 or more against these trophies and final bests of show.

All Breed Rosettes were also given in All Breed shows where the American Silver Fanciers Cup Lists were posted, marked and returned. All wins were open to all exhibitors and cats in competition whether members or not.

We again urge the All Breed Clubs holding shows to write for the American Silver Fanciers Cup List, this gives the members opportunity to seek wins against the others, as well as it gives all silver exhibitors opportunity of winning the Best and Best Opp. Sex Rosettes in the Silver Division for the All Breed Show. These rosettes are given free of charge to the All Breed Show posting our cup and trophy lists, for the benefit of its members.

To those who might be interested in joining with us, the membership, as well as the cup and trophy list, is always open. Won't you join us? We are also looking forward to more Silver Specialty Shows.

Kay M. Thoma
Secretary Treasurer
The American Silver Fanciers
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Siamese Cat Breeders Guild Annual Meeting

The Siamese Cat Breeders Guild Annual meeting was held in Philadelphia on March 18 with nine members and one visitor present.

Mrs. Max Fiedler was approved as judge for the Guild Siamese Specialty to be held with the Penn State All Breed show in October. The club will also accept the cup list of the Siamese Cat Society of America at its own show.

Decision was made that an informal local meeting be held every two months and that the fiscal year begin January 1st instead of May 1st, and by-laws were amended to permit the combining of the offices of secretary and treasurer.

Officers were elected unanimously as follows: President, *Mrs. Florence Leopold*; Vice President, *Mrs. Florence Kanoff*; Secretary, Treasurer, *Mrs. Genevieve Gibson*. *Mrs. Josephine Hedricks* of Andover, Ohio, was chosen as regional vice president for the Midwest, and *Mrs. Antoinette Sexton*, of Arcata, California, was named to represent the Guild on the West Coast.

The members discussed the possibility of holding one-day specialty shows independent of All Breed shows and plan to sponsor such shows if official recognition can be secured from C.F.F. Members were invited to contribute cups or trophies to the Guild cup list to be presented to the various clubs.



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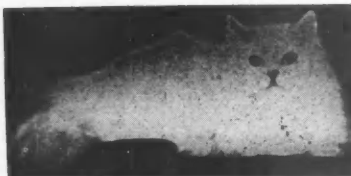
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The cattery is situated on a hill overlooking all of San Fernando Valley, surrounded by many shade trees and beautiful flowers. The climate for the cats is ideal both in winter and summer. She has some boarders who have been with her over a period of years, which in itself speaks for her loving care.

I am in receipt of a letter from Lilla Mae Callen (Lilliput Cattery) of Phoenix, Arizona, in which she enclosed a bulletin concerning the activities of the members of the Canyon State Cat Club (ACA) of Phoenix. It is a most interesting bulletin, and I believe other clubs could arouse much interest by sending out a similar one. It is one of the most interesting "news documents" for club members I have ever seen. The first part of it announces a meeting to be held at Hassayampa Cattery, owned by Lew and Nan Pyle, a combination barbecue and potluck meeting, at which Manx and Abyssinians are to be discussed. Then there are pages listing the members alphabetically, giving their cattery name and WHAT is going on at each cattery, such as new litters, new purchases, etc. There is a list of twenty-four names and their activities so interesting I wish I had the space to detail the news, but if you wrote to Miss Callen at 1343 East Glenrosa, Phoenix, she would no doubt send you one of these monthly club bulletins.

I would like to repeat Miss Callen's tribute to Dr. Doris F. Hopkins: "Dr. Hopkins could very well be a model of experienced breeder to youngsters in the Fancy. No problem is too minor for her to consider, no favor too great. Not only is her interest acute, it is sustained over long periods of time. Pages would be needed to record all the aid and advice she gives so graciously, but it should be only necessary to say she is just as interested in the beginners' problems as she is in her own. We have three of her cats, and I can truthfully say she is no more concerned with the future of her own cats that we have than she is with our Capri's Gay Roamer of Lilliput, one of Ruth Lentz' breeding. Were all experienced breeders as cooperative in attitude as Doris, the Fancy would burgeon with enthusiastic new-comers."

Congratulations to Ruth Lentz, a member of this Arizona Club, as I note she is on the list of new ACA Judges. Those of us here locally who have attended the Phoenix shows try to make it a must each year.

While in Houston, Texas I had the pleasure of meeting a Mrs. Harry John-

ston, 722 Martin Drive, whose home is a haven of refuge for unwanted cats. She is 80 years old, lives alone with her cats. Many times I am sure Mrs. Johnston herself is on short rations to see that proper food is given to her furry boarders. She feels sincerely many blessings have come to her because she cannot see one of God's animals without food or shelter. She is a most remarkable lady and I feel sure if any of you readers could find it possible to help her in this work it would be much appreciated.

It was my pleasure recently to visit Bart's Acre Cattery, owned by Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bart of Riverside, California. Their pets live as I like to see them. Living contentedly in the house with her family are a Smoke and Silver queen, mo, (who is allowed complete freedom, and her Smoke male, Ch. Kiva's Geroni- and who does not spray when in the house). There are spacious grounds for the cats—two other Smoke males, Mitt of Bart's Acre and his brother live peacefully together in their own special house. In the rear of the swimming pool is a spacious Barbecue and an enclosed, large play room completely furnished, occupied by two beautiful Smoke queens, Allegro and Largo. In another building I found lovely Shungapava of Sunshine Village, Red queen and her litter sired by Geronimo, one kit a very beautiful Tortoiseshell (interesting from a Smoke and a Red). Mrs. Bart collects antiques and in her spare time braids rugs; however, no antique or fine rug is too good for her pets.

Mrs. Martha Foley, who has done much for the Fancy in the past years in this locality, I am sorry to say is ill; and has had to dispose of most of her cats, and it was at Bart's Acre she wished Shungapava and Ch. Misty Morn of Sunshine Village (Smoke female) to live. I noticed also on the shelves in the Bart den a full set of Stud books of ACA and CFA, a priceless possession from Mrs. Foley.

A health hint for kits—I like to give drops of Clominol Concentrate, natural A and D from refined fish liver oils, a product you should be able to obtain at your local Drug stores. Vitamin A raises the body's resistance to infections, especially infections of the respiratory tract, and promotes growth. It preserves the mucous membranes that line the body cavities (nose, mouth, lungs, stomach, intestines, etc.). If there is too little A these membranes become scaly instead of smooth and moist with their own secretions, losing their capacity for normal function and they become more subject to invasions of bacteria.

Good luck to all this breeding season and hope you have many lovely kittens.

Ada May Miles

(Letters and information for "Mews and Views" should be sent direct to Mrs. Miles at 4435 Longridge Avenue, Sherman Oaks, California.)

Fanciers Forum

I am a newcomer to the Cat Fancy and in my first buying experience came across Cattery conditions that would turn any but the most ardent cat lover against cats. Does the Fancy ever stop and think of the damage that one 'unclean' breeder, who sells diseased and verminous cats can do to the market and that for every 'bad' kit sold it is possible that a potential serious breeder can be turned against cats?

Last summer after the death of a beloved alley boy I made up my mind to buy a Persian. In my grief-blinded state I answered an advertisement in a leading paper for a Persian kit. Now that I have read everything available on cats I would have turned back the minute I saw the condition of the house I entered but I wanted a baby to love in a hurry. This was a small home with Persians and alley cats of all sizes underfoot. There were three little girls who tore madly around and grabbed the poor frightened babies for me to see. It was really a melee with a big cross old mongrel dog mixing in to add variety. I knew nothing of Persians but I bought a six month old white gal.

When I took her home she was wild. Didn't seem to know that the human hand could mean anything but pain. She was covered with fleas. When I called the breeder she told me that with the alley cats and dog she couldn't keep the Persians free of fleas and that all cats had fleas. A few days later when I was de-fleaing one of the gal-baby's ears started to bleed and I rushed her to my vets. There I found out for the first time about ear mites. The vet told me that judging from the condition of her ears she had the mites from birth. I later went back and bought her little brother who it has turned out is totally deaf. They both had ear abscess and both types of canker. After six months of daily treatment the ears are just beginning to come clean. The cats are just commencing not to spend all their time in hiding and to know that there can be love and kindness for them. When I reported the ear mites this breeder said, "All cats have ear mites." Which I know is untrue. Later, I bought two kits from Marie Wilson of the Blue Gables Cattery in Detroit and the contrast between those two well-loved and cared for babies and my wild, hurt babies strikes you like a blow. The Blue Gables kits just love everyone for they have never known anything but kindness and security. I can only hope that some day the other two will forget their hurts.

This breeder has a registered Cattery, and claimed that she had sold many kits for some years. For every kit sold there must have been a disgruntled purchaser. So many people won't take the time, trouble or money to condition a 'sick' cat. How many of them become completely disgusted when they buy a kitten for a

—The Questionable Cattery

pet and find out the condition. Don't you feel it hurts the Fancy and the market for cats? The main breeding queen of this cattery has been bred so many times that she hardly has a hair left and if her kits' ears are bad what will hers be? I offered to take the breeding stock and clean them up so that this Cattery could have a rest and be cleaned out but to no avail.

I am not looking for a shoulder to cry on but trying to find out why something can't be done about a situation like this. I know that the Cat Associations do not mix into personal business but this is not personal but a threat to the Fancy. Why can't an investigation be made by the SPCA when a complaint is lodged against a Cattery and if the charges prove true, the cattery license could be suspended until the Cattery is cleaned. If the license is suspended the fact should be published in your magazine so that conscientious breeders can blacklist this Cattery as to stud service and sale of breeding stock.

Most of us truly love our Cat-children and I personally wouldn't sell a cat into adverse conditions if I were starving and I think most breeders feel the same and I would like to have my Cattery license mean that I had a clean Cattery.

I have complained to the Chicago paper and this Breeder will no longer be able to advertise with them. She claims sound-hearing kits when she is breeding from a queen who has a congenitally deaf father and she has one congenitally deaf queen. Shouldn't advertisements be checked if there are complaints?

As long as I have the floor, I would like to make a suggestion. I am a White breeder and want to do all that I can to breed out deafness. I feel that the ped. of a cat should state hearing and eye color as far back as is known and I am now filling in my reg. blanks in this manner. For us who are interested in selective breeding it is very hard to check back on all our cats' ancestors. It would take many years before you would have your complete ped. but don't we want to work for perfection? I have found that established breeders are very helpful to newcomers by filling in missing ped. details. My hearty thanks to Ella and Mamie Conroy and Mrs. T. R. James.

I am now appealing to all conscientious breeders to band together and let's try and clean up the 'Unclean Catteries'. The sale of a kit of this type hurts us all. Let's get some rules about Cattery registration. I would be delighted to hear from any breeder with the same sentiments and suggestions as to what may be done to better conditions.

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STEINLEN

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reached. Steinlen had his studio on the ground floor. There he had a small tunnel—a sort of glorified cat-door—cut through the thick stone walls of the solidly built house. He repeated his little trick of luring the strays with tidbits, until all the cats of Montmartre had learned the way to their private tunnel. They fully appreciated his simple and undemanding hospitality. They came and



went at will, feeling so much at ease and making themselves so much at home that eventually he was able to keep on working at his easel even while the shy little feline street-urchins were feasting.

His friend George Redon has sketched Steinlen, a slender, sensitive-looking man with high cheek-bones, deep-set dark eyes, and a pointed beard, standing on the balcony of his studio, with a favorite cat at his side. Both are looking calmly out over the roof-tops of Paris.

Steinlen seems to have had a special predilection for black cats, and many of his most effective pictures show smooth, gleaming fellows with black satin coats.



SWENSON

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some excellent cat magazines, notably the Cat Courier, the original Our Cats, the Cat Gazette and the Cat Digest, and through the interest of top breeders of that time, novices did secure many valuable pointers. But the path was not nearly so free of obstacles then.

Frankly, I would not mind being a novice again. Today's opportunities are such that with energy bent in the right direction, one could virtually assure himself of success. What a wealth of stock there is to choose from, what marvelous aids to health, housing, and sanitation,

A few of the early pictures show long-haired cats, and there is a bronze statuette by Steinlen, called "Angora", in the Berlin Art Museum. In his later years Steinlen became especially fond of Siamese, and one of his loveliest pastels shows a tranquil mother Siamese nursing one pure white kitten. There are drawings by Steinlen in the Metropolitan Museum, New York, and in several museums in Paris, while at Vevey, Switzerland (where his father and grandfather had lived) an entire room of the town mu-

seum is devoted to his art.

Perhaps the most perfect memorial to Steinlen is, however, the magnificent book *Chats et Autres Bêtes*, published in Paris in 1933, ten years after the death of the artist. This beautiful quarto volume contains two hundred pictures (most are of cats, but there are a few of lions, tigers, leopards, and even birds), each one testifying to Steinlen's genius, his unique powers of observation, and his technical skill, as well as his sympathetic understanding and affectionate admiration of the most beautiful and fascinating of animals.

Drawings on this page are one of Steinlen's famous Stories Without Words.

what awe-inspiring contributions from the field of medicine.

And there are more clubs and cat shows, doubling the opportunity to associate with other breeders and their cats, and to sit in on discussions of interesting problems or experiences. This is a wonderful time for the beginner and if he keeps his eyes open he will learn much that never will appear on the printed page. And this I say most sincerely, grasp these opportunities and hold fast. If a gain is made don't let it get away. Remember, there is lots of room at the top—it is only at the bottom that the field is crowded.

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